

# Saving Food, Feeding Families

Sid Jacobson JCC's Retail Rescue program

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**S**id Jacobson JCC in East Hills has found a creative and impactful way to tackle food insecurity and reduce waste in our community. Through its *Retail Rescue* initiative, surplus food nearing expiration that might have otherwise gone to waste is now being used to help families in need.

Food rescued from local retailers like Stop & Shop, Uncle Giuseppe's, ShopRite, Target, Walmart, and LIDL is redistributed to families both within our community and beyond. Through SJJCC's Nikki Schwartz Memorial Community Needs Bank, the program directly supports over 100 local households. As a redistribution partner for Island Harvest, *Retail Rescue* also supplies a network of 20 additional food pantries, broadening its impact and reaching even more people in need.

The results of this program over the past year have been extraordinary. Over 156,000 pounds of food, including an impressive 70,000 pounds of meat and poultry, have been rescued from going to waste. Instead of ending up in landfills, this food is redirected to people in need, effectively addressing both food insecurity and waste in one impactful effort.

*Retail Rescue* demonstrates how community partnerships and innovative thinking can address critical societal challenges. It's a powerful example of how collective action can make a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

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